

No. 5:22-CV-240-BO

Defendants.

ORDER

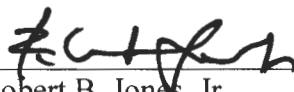
The purpose of the settlement conference is to facilitate settlement of the case if that is appropriate. The settlement conference will be conducted in such a manner as not to prejudice any party in the event settlement is not reached. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 408 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, all statements made by the parties relating to the substance or merits of the case, whether written or oral, made for the first time during the settlement conference, shall

be deemed to be confidential and shall not be admissible in evidence for any reason in the trial of the case, should the case not settle. This provision does not preclude admissibility in other contexts, such as pertaining to a motion for sanctions regarding the settlement conference. To that end, all matters communicated to the undersigned in confidence will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to any other party or to the trial judge. The undersigned will not serve as the trial judge in this case.

Parties shall submit confidential settlement memoranda to the undersigned by no later than **June 19, 2023**. Memoranda should not be filed with the court but rather shall be submitted directly to chambers by e-mail to **Documents_Judge_Jones@nced.uscourts.gov**.¹ Such memoranda should include a concise statement of the factual issues, issues of law, damages, settlement negotiation history of the case, and the evidence the party expects to produce at trial, should not exceed four (4) pages, and need not be served on other parties. All matters disclosed in settlement memoranda are confidential and may not be disclosed to the trial judge or used in any way should the case not settle.

Except to the extent modified herein, the conference shall be governed by the provisions of the Local Civil Rules.

SO ORDERED, the 23 day of May, 2023.



Robert B. Jones, Jr.
United States Magistrate Judge

¹ This is a receipt-only email address and should not be used for any other correspondence with the court.